

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

FIRST-NAMED INVENTOR: Duff *et al.*

FOR: DETECTING GENETIC PREDISPOSITION TO SIGHT  
THREATENING DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

Mail Stop **PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR FILING A NON-PROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

1. This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b). This application claims priority to USSN 09/037,472 filed March 10, 1998.
2. This application is a total of 36 pages. This application includes:
  - 32 pages of specification (not including claims, abstract, or figures)
  - 1 pages of claims
  - 1 page of abstract
  - 2 pages of figures
3. A copy of a signed Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney submitted in parent application USSN 09/037,472 is included.
4. Applicants request that a copy of the sequence listing in paper and computer readable form in parent application USSN 09/037,472 be made part of the record in the presently filed continuation application. A Request for Transfer of Sequence Listing is enclosed.
5. Applicants request that a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and the accompanying modified PTO-1449 Form filed in the parent application USSN 09/037,472 be made part of the record in the presently filed continuation application.
6. Information Disclosure Statement and Accompanying Form PTO-1449.
7. Fees associated with this application have been calculated as follows:

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CLAIMS AS FILED					
Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c))	3	- 20 =	0	\$18.00	\$0
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b))	1	- 3 =	0	\$80.00	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d))	-0-			\$270.00	
SUBTOTAL:					\$770.00
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TOTAL FEE:					\$770.00

8. A check (#17539) in the amount of **\$770.00** is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 24299-506 CON.
9. A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

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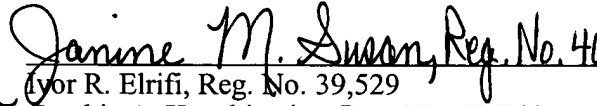
**REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF SEQUENCE LISTING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e)**

The computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing in the instant application is identical to the sequence information in the computer readable copies of the sequence listing filed in application 09/037,472 filed on March 10, 1998.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e), please use only the computer readable form in the above application as the computer readable forms for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in the application number, applicants and filing date for the instant application.

A paper copy of the Sequence Listing was included in the originally filed specification of the above application. Please use only the paper copy of the Sequence listing of these applications as the paper copy for the instant application.

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